

## **WHNA Board Meeting Minutes – Dec. 13, 2009**

Lange home, 7:00 – 9:10 p.m.

Attending: Tim Hauber, Trevor Huffaker, Sylvia Owens, David Lange, Karen Eshilman, Allen Sydnes

- David Lange proposed making an offering to the Walnut Creek Community Church to offset any expenses they had when they allowed us to use their facility for the Mayor/Council candidate forum. He did not think the congregation should bear any expense from this event. The board unanimously agreed to a \$50 donation. David will draft a thank you letter.
- David discussed the minutes of the most recent city council meeting, during which a citizen openly questioned the purpose of the WHNA and asked what influence our organization had in the outcome of the recent elections. The board authorized David to speak at the upcoming council meeting (Dec. 21) and clarify the WHNA's mission, recount the civic activities it has completed, and explain its role in the election.
- David passed around the "Welcome Wagon" materials Sharon Johnson had provided him following the November board meeting. Each member reviewed the material and a discussion followed regarding whether to subscribe to the service at a cost to the Association of \$3 per visit. The board unanimously agreed to table the idea because of the cost and perception that the presentation materials did not apply specifically enough to Windsor Heights residents. It was agreed that we should explore whether the Association can initiate a similar service more closely aimed at WH residents.
- The board discussed proposals received by two separate general members regarding the establishment of a community services committee that would endeavor to assist residents in need. David suggested drafting a list of potential services, possibly including providing meals for people who have a temporary need, removing a downed tree branch from someone incapable of doing so themselves, mowing a lawn on a temporary basis, or similar type of temporary services. Allen Sydnes suggested contacting the members who made the original suggestion about their willingness to chair the committee. The board agreed that we must have at least one committee chair, preferably two, for this to work. The board also agreed that if we offer these services, we must follow through with completion. Allen will contact both members and ask about their interest.
- David led a discussion of plans for the quarterly meeting scheduled for Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at the 3E building. It was agreed that a guest speaker should be secured. David agreed to ask the city's new public works director to speak. David also agreed to draft a suggested agenda for consideration at the next board meeting.
- The board discussed the need to mail dues notices for 2010 memberships. Tim Hauber suggested sending a memo thanking members for their support, recapping the Association's activities for 2009, and asking them to renew their support. The board discussed establishing a new "family/household" membership in hopes of encouraging all members of a household to request full membership, which

includes voting rights. It was unanimously agreed to establish this membership with dues of \$25.

- Allen will follow up with his council contact about the idea of planting a tree at Colby Park honoring our Police/Fire dept. members.
- The board agreed to set the date of the annual meeting as April 11<sup>th</sup>, pending confirmation of a suitable location. The meeting will include a pot luck dinner. Colleen Lange will be asked to secure the Windsor Lutheran Church, if possible, because of its kitchen and dining facilities.
- Next board meeting will be Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at David's home.